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Toshihiro Fukuda et al.

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For: MOTOR-OPERATED POWER STEERING
APPARATUS

Examiner: T. H. Winner

REQUEST TO CLARIFY CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Commissioner for Patents
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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dear Sir:

The Declaration in this application, a copy of which is attached, makes reference to three prior foreign applications:

1. Japan – 2000-220404 filed July 21, 2000;
2. Japan – 2000-220405 filed July 21, 2000; and
3. Japan – 2002-272830 filed September 19, 2002.

Priority was claimed from the first and second of the above applications but *not* the third. However, in the publication of December 9, 2004, the third Japanese application was erroneously included in the foreign application priority data (a copy of the first page of the publication is enclosed).

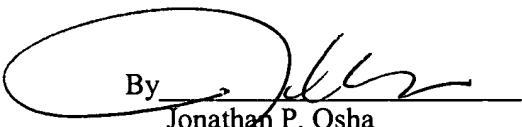
Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office be corrected to clarify that priority is not claimed from the 2002-272830 application, so that any patent that may issue from the instant application correctly lists only the two Japanese applications from which priority is actually claimed.

No petition is believed necessary for this request, however, if a petition is deemed necessary, please consider this paper as such, and charge the necessary fee to applicant's Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 10122/005003 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw. Should there be any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

外因での先行出願

2000-220404

(Number) (番号)	Japan
2000-220405	Japan
(Number) (番号)	Japan
2002-272830	Japan

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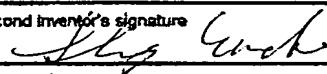
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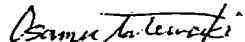
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